

Remarks

This is an amendment following a filing of a Request for Continued Examination and following a preliminary amendment dated July 19, 2006, which accompanied the Request for Continued Examination. The Request for Continued Examination followed a final rejection of claims 1-7, 10, 12, 13 and 15-17.

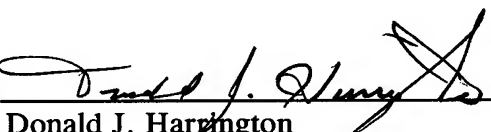
Claims 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 are being canceled in favor of claims 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7, which are indicated to be allowable. Claim 6 has been written in independent form and it has been amended by replacing the term "variables" at line 2 with the term "parameters." Claim 6 also has been indicated to be allowable if the rejection of claim 6 were to be amended to avoid the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The present amendment to claim 6 makes the claim allowable. Claims 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 are canceled. The remaining claims remain withdrawn.

All of the claims presently in the application now are in allowable form. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to the Deposit Account No. 06-1510 of Ford Global Technologies, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,

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